Remarks

Applicants amend the dependency of claims 15-21 from the method of claim 10 to the device of claim 14. Original claim 14 recites a plasma firing device, which is consistent with the "device" recited in each of claims 15-21.

No new matter enters by this amendment. Furthermore, all of the amended claims fall into the elected group of claims.

Applicants request examination and timely notice of allowance.

If any fees, petitions, or requests for extension of time are required in order to enter or consider this paper, enter or consider any of the claims submitted, enter or consider any paper accompanying this paper, or keep this application or the previous application pending, applicants hereby request that the petition or request be granted and applicants' representative hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1129 for any fees.

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